

Violence against women is not just a humanitarian tragedy; it is a global health menace and a threat to national security. The United States can play a significant role in protecting the human rights of all women and ending the violence against our sisters around the world.

#### COMMEMORATING DECEMBER 7

(Mr. CARNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two very important events in our Nation's history that occurred on December 7. As we know, today is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. We pray for the more than 3,500 U.S. soldiers and civilians who were killed or wounded in defense of our Nation that day. The sacrifices they made 70 years ago are not unlike the sacrifices that our soldiers and their families are being asked to make today.

December 7 is also an important milestone for the founding of our Nation. Today is Delaware Day, the 224th anniversary of Delaware's ratification of the United States Constitution, making Delaware the first State to join the Nation.

Delaware's Founding Fathers saw the vision and genius of the form of government laid out in our Constitution. It is this vision and this document that continues to guide everything we do today.

So let us take time today to remember the contributions every generation has made to protect the values and freedoms upon which this great Nation was founded.

#### THE SEINFELD CONGRESS

(Mr. DOYLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, the last time the Republicans controlled the House back in 2006, a newspaper columnist called it "the Seinfeld Congress," because like Seinfeld, which was a show about nothing, the 109th Congress was a Congress about nothing. Absolutely nothing got done.

Now the House Republicans have upped the ante. They have an agenda filled with Seinfeld legislation—a bunch of bills about nothing. Tomorrow, for example, we're considering the so-called farm dust bill. Now, ignore for a moment the fact that it's more about mines and smelters and concrete plants than it is about farms, House Republicans want to ban an EPA rule that the EPA administrator has said she has no intention of issuing.

Why are we wasting time prohibiting a rule that's not being issued when we've got real problems like a struggling economy and millions of people out of work.

As Seinfeld might say, yada, yada, yada.

#### HONORING TRINITY SHAMROCKS

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, with an average margin of victory of more than 40 points, an undefeated season, and a win in the State championship that Sports Illustrated called the team's "finest offensive performance of the year," there can be no more debate: Trinity High School Shamrocks is the best high school football team in the country.

Friday's 62-21 victory over Scott County in the 6A final completed a 25-game win streak, secured a second straight State title, and capped a season in which Trinity didn't just beat the competition, they rocked them.

Over five playoff games, Trinity outscored its foes by more than 240 total points. They never trailed in the second half all season. They crushed top-tier out-of-state competition and avenged their only 2010 loss. After facing Trinity, Scott County's coach called the Shamrocks "the best team in Kentucky football history."

This was a true team effort, and thanks to the leadership and dedication of 40 seniors, these student athletes have achieved a perfect record and deserve to bring a national title home to Louisville. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Coach Beatty, the team, and the entire Trinity community on an incredible championship and an amazing 2011 season. Way to go Rocks.

#### EXTEND PAYROLL TAX CUT AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, we simply cannot leave Washington before extending the payroll tax cut and unemployment assistance. With our economy still struggling and unemployment remaining unacceptably high at 10.4 percent in my home State of Rhode Island, now is not the time to take more money out of the pockets of hard-working families.

Allowing the payroll tax cuts to expire at the end of this month will mean less money in the pockets of 600,000 hardworking Rhode Islanders. It is absolutely critical that we extend the payroll tax cut which is saving working families an average of \$1,000 per year and would add \$400 million to Rhode Island's economy next year. We have to do everything we can to strengthen our middle class families who are struggling to make ends meet and provide assistance to those families who need it most.

If Congress does not extend emergency unemployment assistance, thousands of Rhode Islanders, as well as

millions of Americans who rely on this critical safety net, will lose their assistance. This will have a devastating impact on these families and on our economy.

Rather than providing subsidies to Big Oil companies and arguing for more tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires, it's time for Congress to stand up for American families and to extend the payroll tax cut and unemployment compensation.

#### EXTEND PAYROLL TAX CUT

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, the temporary payroll tax cut is putting money into the economy and the pockets of 160 million Americans. And now my Republican colleagues are demanding harmful cuts to working families and seniors to offset these middle class tax cuts.

A better idea is to cut from the \$1 trillion in special interest tax earmarks identified by the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles Commission. Let's cut the \$2 million earmark for wooden arrow manufacturers. Let's cut the \$40 million earmark for the owners of NASCAR racetracks. And let's cut \$235 million in earmarks for rum producers in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The earmarks are unfair and unaffordable.

To the 99 percent of Americans who don't have a lobbyist, sorry, you missed out on the special interest bonanza. Congress needs to protect working families. Let's pass President Obama's middle class payroll tax cut and help our families and our economy now.

#### SUPPORT REINS ACT

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, the American economy is crying out for certainty. Every day the instability created by new Washington rules, regulations, new taxes, et cetera makes it harder for the economy to recover and harder for small businesses to create jobs.

That's why today I stand in full support of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act, known as the REINS Act.

As our Federal agencies churn out regulations by the truckload, it's our small businesses, those very entities that we expect to create jobs and are struggling to survive, that are burdened with implementing them. In fact, regulations cost the economy \$1.75 trillion per year. New regulations this year alone will cost business over \$60 billion, all driving up the cost of doing business and putting more people out of work.

I'm supporting the REINS Act because this legislation will provide